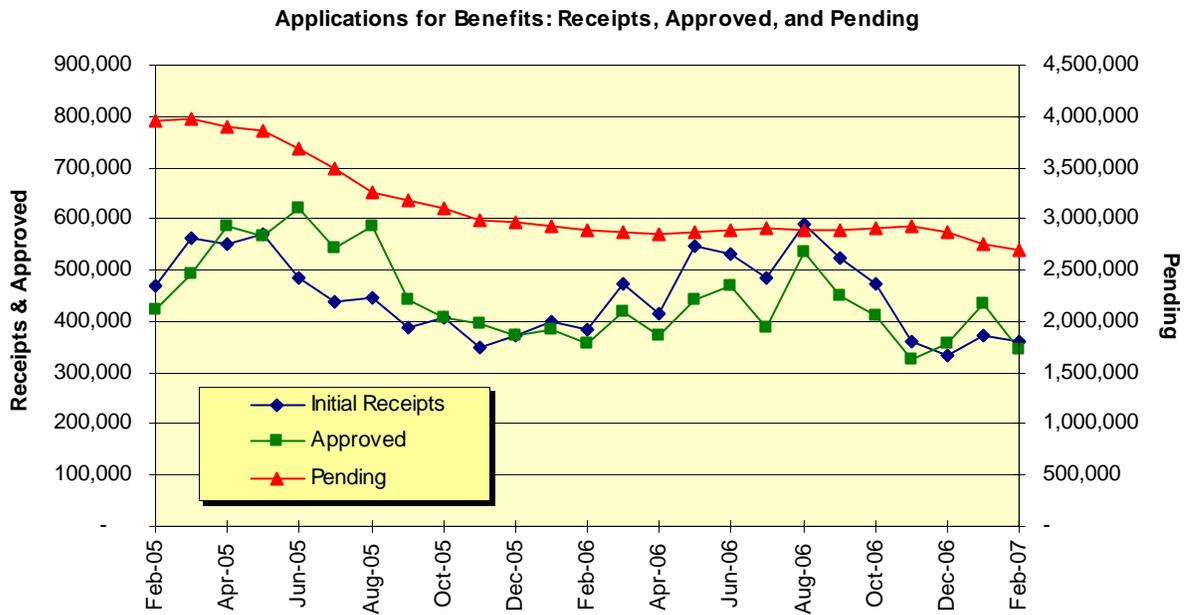


APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in February 2007 decreased 6 percent compared to the number received in February 2006. February approvals decreased by 4 percent, denials decreased by 26 percent, and pending decreased by 7 percent when compared to February 2006.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2007</i>
	<i>Feb-2007</i>	<i>Feb-2006</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2007 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2006 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
Initial Receipts	360,560	383,063	-6%	1,901,611	1,911,806	-1%	5,477,492
Approved	344,090	357,711	-4%	1,871,141	1,557,948	20%	4,994,755
Denied	54,031	72,576	-26%	252,769	312,019	-19%	804,972
Pending	2,698,279	2,888,761	-7%	2,698,279	2,888,761	-7%	2,888,598

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in February 2007 include: 78,835 I-765 employment authorizations; 55,447 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 45,554 I-485 applications to adjust status; 53,674 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of February 2007 include: 1,223,233 I-130 spouse/relative petitions; 574,783 applications to adjust status; 209,436 I-765 employment authorizations; 208,950 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 63,124 I-821 TPS applications.